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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

  
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PART I  
Chronology of Highlights of 1978

1JAN - 2JAN	Inport Mayport
3JAN - 6JAN	Underway for MIT/OPPE, Jacksonville Operation area.
7JAN-26JAN	Inport Mayport
26JAN-29JAN	Underway for Engineering Sea Trials
30JAN- 5FEB	Inport Mayport
6FEB	Underway, Transit to Charleston
7FEB - 8FEB	Moored, Naval Station, Charleston, SC
9FEB -13FEB	Underway, READDEX 1-78
13FEB	Brief stop for fuel, Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, P.R.
13FEB- 1MAR	Underway, READDEX 1-78
1MAR - 9MAR	Inport, Mayport
10MAR	Change of Command. Commander Glynn Q. LANE, USN is relieved by Commander John A. NARCISO, USN.
10MAR-22MAR	Inport, Mayport
22MAR-23MAR	Underway, Sea Trials and Type Training
24MAR- 3APR	Inport, Mayport
4APR -14APR	Underway, Depart Mayport to join Sixth Fleet for Mediterranean deployment
14APR-19APR	Arrive in Lisbon, Portugal. Turnover with USS CONYNGHAM (DDG-17). Join Task Group 60.2 for Med operations.
19APR-29APR	Underway
24APR-28APR	ASW Week
29APR- 3MAY	Inport, Sfax, Tunisia
3MAY - 5MAY	Underway for Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia
5MAY - 8MAY	Inport Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia
8MAY -12MAY	Underway, Sixth Fleet operations
12MAY-14MAY	Training Anchorage, Souda Bay, Crete
19MAY-22MAY	Underway for Operation Dawn Patrol 78
22MAY-28MAY	Operation Dawn Patrol 78
29MAY- 1JUN	Underway, Transit to Athens, Greece
2JUN -21JUN	Moored at Hellenic Shipyard, Skaramonga, Greece
21JUN-26JUN	Underway, Task Group Operations
26JUN	Transit Dardanelles, Transit Bosphorus Straits, Enter Black Sea
27JUN- 1JUL	Black Sea Operations
1JUL - 4JUL	Underway, Transit to Naples, Italy
5JUL -17JUL	Inport, Naval Station, Naples, Italy
18JUL-23JUL	Underway, Sixth Fleet Operations
24JUL-29JUL	Underway, National Week XXV
30JUL-31JUL	Underway for Marseille, France
1AUG -13AUG	Inport, Marseille, France
14AUG-17AUG	Inport Theoule Sur Mer, France
18AUG-24AUG	ASW Week
24AUG-28AUG	Inport, Allassio,,Italy
29AUG-30AUG	Underway for Operational Readiness Inspection
31AUG	Underway for Naval Station Rota, Spain
1SEP	Brief stop for fuel and supplies in Rota
2SEP -22SEP	Underway, Transit North Atlantic

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4SEP -19SEP	Underway, Exercise Northern Wedding with Standing Naval Forces, Atlantic
20SEP	Underway, Transit to Naval Station, ROTA, Spain
21 SEP	Brief stop for fuel and supplies in Rota
22SEP	Underway for Palma de Mallorca, Spain
23SEP-29SEP	Inport, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
29SEP- 1OCT	Underway for Exercise Display Determination
1OCT - 7OCT	Exercise Display Determination
8OCT -11OCT	Underway, for Malaga, Spain
11OCT-15OCT	Inport, Malaga, Spain
14OCT	Turnover Operations with relief ship, USS JOHN KING (DDG-3)
15OCT-26OCT	Underway for Naval Station Mayport, FL
26OCT	Arrive Mayport
27OCT-28NOV	Inport, Mayport
28NOV-30NOV	Underway, Insurv Trial Preparations and Sub Escort
1DEC - 6DEC	Inport Mayport
7DEC	Underway, Sub Escort
8DEC -31DEC	Inport Mayport

## PART II - BASIC NARRATIVE

A busy and hectic year, 1978 began with the USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2) in her homeport of Mayport, FL. The entire month of January was spent with sea trials, local operations and preparations necessary for upkeep of a Naval war vessel. The beginning of February found CHARLES F. ADAMS in Charleston for onload of ammunition. Following the two day job in South Carolina, CHARLES F. ADAMS transited the Atlantic coast to the Caribbean for a preparatory exercise, READ-EX 78. For three weeks CHARLES F. ADAMS drilled, tracked targets, participated in ASW exercises, fired off her 5"/54 guns and participated in a missile firing exercise with other ships in the Fleet-Wide, multi-national maneuvers.

The singularly most significant event during the month of March was the change of command of the guided missile destroyer. Commander John A. NARCISO, USN relieved Commander Glynn Q. IANE, USN on the 01 level during a ceremony March 10. CDR Narciso took the ship out for the first time for sea-trials at the end of the month in preparation for the soon coming deployment to the Mediterranean and the Sixth Fleet.

The morning of April 4 was filled with anticipation as the CHARLES F. ADAMS prepared to leave Mayport for her second Med cruise in as many years.

Two days later, CHARLES F. ADAMS rendezvoused with USS FORRESTAL, USS HARRY E. YARNELL, USS DEWEY, USS BLAKELY, USS AYLWIN, USS JONAS INGRAM and the USS TRIPPE to proceed to the Med together. After a week of uneventful steaming, CHARLES F. ADAMS pulled into Lisbon, Portugal for turnover with USS CONYNGHAM. Upon leaving Lisbon, CHARLES F. ADAMS joined Task Group 60.2 for six months of operations.

Getting right into the swing of things the destroyer participated in the first of several Anti-Submarine-Warfare weeks.

On April 29, CHARLES F. ADAMS entered the ancient seaport of Sfax, Tunisia.

Leaving Tunisia on May 3, CHARLES F. ADAMS turned toward the Adriatic Sea and the port of Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia. Four hundred interested visitors took advantage of an open ship and came aboard for their first glimpse of an American war vessel.

Upon departing Dubrovnik, CHARLES F. ADAMS rejoined Task Group 60.2 for fleet operations. In the week that followed, she participated in an ASW exercise and a major missile exercise with other ships of the task group. ADAMS fired a TARTAR missile and got a direct hit, destroying the drone boat more than seven miles out.

A three day training anchorage in Souda Bay, Crete followed where the crew got the chance to take it easy.

After going out for the next three days, CHARLES F. ADAMS returned to Souda Bay to rendezvous with NATO Forces for the major NATO exercise, "DAWN PATROL 78." The exercise covered a ten day period from 19 to 29 May, during which time CHARLES F. ADAMS conducted extensive anti-air, anti-submarine and surface warfare exercises. The highlight of "DAWN PATROL 78" was during a missile shoot when the destroyer sunk a SEPTAR (remote powered boat made to resemble a fast patrol boat) within minutes of the missile's impact.

After departing the operating area of "DAWN PATROL", CHARLES F. ADAMS transited the sea for Athens, Greece. The destroyer moored in the Hellenic Shipyard, Skaramonga, Greece for a rather busy three week upkeep.

From 27 June to 1 July, CHARLES F. ADAMS found herself in the Black Sea conducting patrol operations.

CHARLES F. ADAMS spent the first week of July moored next to the USS PUGET SOUND in Naples. The crew spent this time preparing for the next big fleet operation, NATIONAL WEEK XXV.

In mid July, the Standing Sixth Fleet rendezvoused in Sicily's Augusta Bay and proceeded to the operating area. CHARLES F. ADAMS was designated as a member of the orange aggressor forces. After a successful operation with the fleet, she set sail for a two week upkeep period in Marseille, France.

The 14th of August found USS CHARLES F. ADAMS in Theoule Sur Mer, France participating in a French celebration commemorating the WWII invasion of Southern France.

Another ASW week followed the stop in Theoule Sur Mer and a visit to Allassio, Italy to prepare for the Operational Readiness Inspection in which the ship received an overall grade of satisfactory.

After a one day stop in Rota, the ship transited the stormy Atlantic Ocean north towards the Arctic Circle to participate in Exercise Northern Wedding, a major NATO operation. During the three weeks of maneuvers, ADAMS cooperated with forces from Great Britain, Federal Republic of Germany, Canada, The Netherlands and Norway as well as other American ships comprising the Standing Naval Forces, Atlantic Task Force.

The month of September drew to a close with a one day stop in Rota and a five day visit in Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

October began with the ship working in Exercise Display Determination with other members of the Sixth Fleet.

The eleventh of October found CHARLES F. ADAMS in her last port of the deployment, Malaga, Spain, where outchop and turnover operations were conducted with USS JOHN KING (DDG-3).

USS CHARLES F. ADAMS arrived back in Mayport, FL October 26.

The month of November was spent preparing for INSURV. The month of December brought on the cancellation of INSURV because of the proximity of the ROH beginning in January at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. USS CHARLES F. ADAMS closed out 1978 in her homeport of Mayport, FL.

MUSTER ROLL OF OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1978

G.Q. LANE/ COMMANDING OFFICER/ COMMANDER  
J.A. NARCISO/ COMMANDING OFFICER/ COMMANDER  
P.T. DEUTERMANN/ EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ COMMANDER  
W.M. WASOWSKI/ EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT COMMANDER  
J.W. WHITE/ ENGINEERING OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT COMMANDER  
R.W. VER VOORN/ ENGINEERING OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT  
F.C. MARCELL/ WEAPONS OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT  
S.B. BUTKUS/ OPERATIONS OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT  
T.F. HARTRICK/ OPERATIONS OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT  
O.T. ALEXANDER/ SUPPLY OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT  
A.S. BOND/ SUPPLY OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT  
T.L. METZ/ FIRE CONTROL OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT (Junior Grade)  
J.D. KELLEY/ COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT (Junior Grade)  
S.C. WHITE/ FIRST LIEUTENANT/ LIEUTENANT (Junior Grade)  
R.B. BRUNSON/ CIC OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT (Junior Grade)  
J.R. GILBERT/ ASW OFFICER/ LIEUTENANT (Junior Grade)  
C. DAVIS/ DISPENSING OFFICER/ ENSIGN  
D.R. REILLY/ DISPENSING OFFICER/ ENSIGN  
J.P. MARQUES/ GUNNERY OFFICER/ ENSIGN  
C.A. BOXALL/ DCA/ LIEUTENANT  
R.N. ROBERTSON/ DCA/ ENSIGN  
C.A. TROSCLAIR/ MPA/ LIEUTENANT  
T. BEATTY/ MPA/ ENSIGN  
G.A. SIRAGUSA/ NAVIGATOR/ LIEUTENANT (Junior Grade)  
R.E. TRICE/ NAVIGATOR/ LIEUTENANT (Junior Grade)  
R. TOLAND/ EMO/ CWO2  
R.G. HERRICK/ EMO/ CWO2  
L. JARRINS/ EMO/ CWO2